

SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

In the substitute specification filed November 3, 2004, please replace the paragraph beginning at page 12, line 3, with the following amended paragraph:

More specifically, dispatcher function **110** is employed to perform the dispatching function, i.e. routing of requests for service from clients **102a-102b** to selected ones of the application services hosted. As will be described in more details below, in one embodiment, dispatcher function **110** advantageously performs the dispatching or routing in a manner that allows the earlier versions of runtime library **114*** to be loaded on an as needed basis, thereby enabling apparatus **108** to support the multiple version as well as operate more efficiently. Monitor function **118** is employed to perform a monitoring function to allow resources such as memory resource **120** to be shared among application services **116*** hosted and/or the functions of runtime library **114*** (collectively also referred to as resource consumers at times, when convenient to do so). Accordingly, these elements together enable apparatus **108** to operate more efficiently, and in turn practically practically provide the multi-version support.